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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SOMALIA

Technical Education and Vocational Training
(Supplementary Assistance) (SOM/71/519)

Report of the Administrator*

Date of present approval:	January 1979
Starting date of project activities:	January 1972 (including previous assistance)
Planned completion date:	December 1981
To be executed by:	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the International Labour Organisation (ILO) as associated agency
Government implementing agency:	Ministry of Education
Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval:	$2 029 200
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. With the acute manpower needs in Somalia and the increased demand for technical education and vocational training, teacher training demands top priority, especially instructor training in the field of vocational training.

2. Although agriculture and livestock development remain the main productive activities in Somalia, industrial development is becoming increasingly important. Industrial development and progress in mechanization in agriculture require skilled manpower, of which there is a dearth in Somalia, especially at the craftsman level. Hence, one of the Government's development objectives is to expand the system of technical education and especially of vocational training in the country.

* In accordance with General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) and subsequent authorizations of the UNDP Governing Council reports are issued seriatim on the approval of UNDP assistance of $250,000 or more (including, if any, assistance financed by Government or by third-party cost sharing).

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3. The project, which started in 1972[1/], has dealt mainly with the training of technicians and craftsmen. In the field of technical education, a two-year technical teacher training course was started in November 1976 and the first batch of students graduated in September 1978. In the field of vocational training only craftsmen courses have been conducted. However, there was virtually no possibility to train counterpart instructors to the internationally-recruited experts because of the inability of the Government to assign the necessary counterpart personnel to the project. Therefore, in the three-year extension of the project now approved, activities will be concentrated on the training of instructors to be recruited from among the graduates of the technical teacher and vocational instructor courses.

II. Objectives and activities

4. There will be no change in the objectives of the project during the extended period. Within the original objective of strengthening the technical education and vocational training in Somalia, emphasis will be placed on training of technical teachers and vocational instructors. The immediate objectives of the project remain to assist in preparing and implementing a national scheme in training and up-grading skilled workers; in the establishment of vocational training in selected training centres; in the introduction of pre-vocational, pre-technical and agricultural education in primary and secondary schools; and in training teachers in agricultural subjects.

5. To achieve these objectives, a second two-year course of technical teacher training in four specializations will be started (mechanical, electrical, automotive and building engineering fields respectively). An instructor training two-year course will also be introduced in the mechanical, electrical, automotive, sheet-metal and welding, wood-work and building trades, respectively.

III. Inputs

6. Under the assistance now approved UNDP will provide, through the Executing Agencies (UNESCO and ILO), the services of nine international experts and four United Nations volunteers for technical teacher and vocational instructor training. Two experts will be assigned to each specialization, one for theoretical education and the other for training in skills. Other UNDP financed inputs include payment of supporting project staff, supplies and equipment, including audio-visual aids for classroom instruction and one language laboratory.

7. To carry out the activities for which assistance is now approved, the Government of the Somali Democratic Republic will make available 6 instructors for the instructor training course, 150 trainees for this course, 20 counterpart personnel for the following specializations: mechanical, electrical, automotive and civil/building engineering as well as 20 trainees for the teacher and instructor training course. The Government will furthermore make available the buildings and the equipment of the Mogadishu Technical Institute and supplies as necessary. It will also construct and equip the new Mogadiscio Vocational Training Centre.

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IV. Financial data

8. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows:

	Previously approved $	Present approval $	Total approved $
Personnel	1 617 930	1 815 600	3 433 530
Training	40 580	107 000	147 580
Equipment	66 410	69 600	136 010
Miscellaneous	29 150	37 000	66 150
	1 754 070	2 029 200	3 783 270

9. The estimated total value, expressed in US dollars, of inputs provided directly by the Government to the project is $1,634,700 in kind.

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